



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: TRYPANOSOMA CRUZI ANTIGEN, GENE ENCODING THEREFOR AND METHODS OF DETECTING AND TREATING CHAGAS DISEASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the Continued Prosecution Application filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 29, 31, 33 and 35 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 5, 8, 11, 18, 21-24, 32 and 34 as follows:

5. (Three Times Amended) A probe for identifying Trypanosoma cruzi, said probe having at least 85% homology with a fragment of a nucleotide sequence that is identical or fully complementary to a sequence starting at nucleotide 1232 and ending at nucleotide 2207 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the corresponding RNA sequence, wherein said probe contains at least 5 and no more than 100 nucleotides.

8. (Three Times Amended) A primer for amplifying a nucleotide sequence, said primer having at least 85% homology with a fragment of a nucleotide sequence that is identical or fully complementary to a sequence starting at nucleotide 1232 and ending at

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10-27
32-34
36-40

reads
85% homol
to
5 nucleotides

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F 11

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F 2